

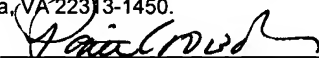


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In the application of: Eldridge et al.

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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR  
COMPENSATING THERMALLY INDUCED  
MOTION OF PROBE CARDS

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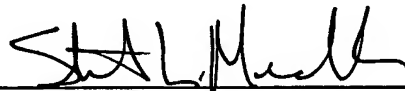
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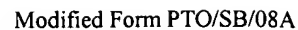
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